DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR SYSTEMS COMMAND PATUXENT RIVER, MARYLAND 20670-1139

PLAN OF THE WEEK 18 APR 01 – 24 APR 01



ALL ORDERS, INSTRUCTIONS AND ITEMS OF PERTINENT INTEREST SET FORTH HEREIN WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT DEPARTMENT/DIVISION MEETINGS. ALL HANDS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR READING THE PLAN OF THE WEEK AND OBEYING APPLICABLE ORDERS.

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NAVAIR INSPECTOR GENERAL HOTLINE:
NAVY FRAUD, WASTE, AND ABUSE HOTLINE:
NAVY SEXUAL HARASSMENT ADVICE LINE:
NAS PATUXENT RIVER, FRAUD, WASTE AND ABUSE HOTLINE:
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CARRY OUT DAILY ROUTINE WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

SAILORS CAN BOOST THEIR MGIB BENEFITS: A provision of the recently enacted Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2000 permits certain Sailors to increase their monthly Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) program benefits by making an additional contribution to the program. Only Sailors who entered active duty after July 1, 1985, and enrolled in MGIB during their first two weeks of active duty are eligible. Effective May 1, each additional contribution of \$4 will increase the monthly MGIB benefit by \$1 under the terms of the Act. The maximum additional contribution possible is \$600. Sailors contributing the maximum would realize an increase to their MGIB monthly benefit of \$150. In other words, Sailors who make the additional maximum contribution, and are enrolled as full-time students following active duty, will receive a total benefit of \$800 monthly.

There are specific limiting eligibility requirements that apply to this provision. One constraint is that members who elect this option can contribute the additional amount only while serving on active duty. This is the law and is not waiverable. However, eligible Sailors who were on active duty on the Nov. 1, 2000, enactment date of the legislation and separated prior to the effective date of May 1, have until July 31 to contribute. Separated members should make payment directly to the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA). Affected members should contact the DVA at 1-888-GIBILL1, or 1-888-442-4551. Personnel who are enrolled in the MGIB program by reason of involuntary separation, conversion from Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP) or Vietnam-Era GI Bill, and those who enrolled in MGIB during the open enrollment period of Dec. 1, 1988, through June 30, 1989, are not eligible for this option. Further details regarding necessary action for participation will be announced soon via Navy-wide message. Additional information is available by calling PERS-604 MGIB program customer service representatives at DSN 882-4258 or 1-800-962-1425. Mrs. Kathy Wardlaw can be reached at DSN 882-4275 or (901) 874-4275, or by e-mail at p604@persnet.navy.mil.

<u>CLARIFYING THE INCREASE IN THE SGLI</u>: All service members, regardless of coverage currently in effect, had their SGLI coverage increased to \$250,000 on 01 April 01. If a member does not want the increased coverage, he/she must fill out a new SGLI election which can be found online at http://www.insurance.va.gov, have the form witnessed and forwarded to PSD for inclusion in the service record. Witnessing of the form can be done at PSD or at the member's command. This procedure is the same for both Officer and Enlisted.

NEW DEPLOYMENT WEB SITE: The Office of the Special Assistant for Gulf War Illnesses, Medical Readiness and Military Deployments launches a new deployment web site. Members of every military service, both active and Reserve component, know that at any time they could be deployed to a place they know little about, and could be exposed to unfamiliar health risks. The Department of Defense (DOD) hopes to keep service members better informed through a new web site called DeploymentLINK, at http://deploymentlink.osd.mil. The site was launched April 16.

NAVY COLLEGE OFFICE FAIR: The annual Navy College Office College Fair will be on held on Thursday, June 7th, 2001, from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in Building 2189, Room 120. This will be a great opportunity for you to meet with representatives from local colleges and universities (both on base and off base schools). Stop by the fair and obtain degree information, specific course information, enrollment procedures, and learn about all of the different educational opportunities you have at your local colleges. The following schools will be participating: Bowie State University, Central Michigan University, College of Southern Maryland, College of Notre Dame of Maryland, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Florida Institute of Technology, George Washington University, Johns Hopkins University, St. Mary's College of Maryland, Towson University, University of Maryland College Park, and University of Maryland University College.

VEAP CONVERSION: Education can make a world of difference in your lifestyle, especially if you are a retiree. And financing that education is where the switch from the Veterans Education Assistance Program (VEAP) to the Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) Program really pays off big. The basic monthly payment under the MGIB Program is \$650 for 36 months of full-time schooling for a maximum of \$23,400, in comparison to a member enrolled in VEAP, who would receive a up to \$300 a month for 27 months of full-time training for a maximum of \$8,100.

Converting from VEAP to the MGIB Program requires a payment of \$2,700 into MGIB within 18 months of converting from VEAP. VEAP allows you to contribute any amount up to \$2,700. If you remain enrolled in VEAP, any unused portion of your VEAP contributions is fully refundable to you. Total taxable income is reduced the same way as the current MGIB Program; whether it's by making the \$2,700 one-time payment, or by monthly payments.

However, certain restrictions apply to the conversion program. Public Law 106-419 authorizes Sailors who participated (opened a VEAP account, regardless if money was put into the account) in the program on or before Oct. 9, 1996, and served continuously from that date through April 1, 2000, the opportunity to enroll in the MGIB Program. October 31 is the deadline to enroll in the MGIB Program.

Members participating in the conversion program who are retiring or transferring to the Fleet Reserve and elect to pay all or a portion of the required \$2,700 payment after retirement need to send all remittances and correspondence to Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Code PRRAB, 1240 East 9th Street, Lockbox-CL0001, Cleveland, OH 44199-2055.

Make checks and money orders payable to Defense Finance and Accounting Service. In the memo portion of the check or money order, write "MGIB." For additional information on eligibility for conversion from VEAP to MGIB, call Navy MGIB Program customer service at 1-800-962-1425. For questions concerning payment procedures for the \$2,700, call DFAS at DSN 580-5986 (ext. 5005), or (216) 522-5986 (ext. 5005).

MCPON WORLDWIDE ALL HANDS CALL BROADCAST: The Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) and Fleet Master Chiefs want Navy families to know what's going on in their Navy. To make it happen, they're going directly to the waterfront. LIFELINES is sponsoring the live, televised broadcast of "MCPON, Fleet Master Chief, Worldwide All Hands Call - 2001" on April 24 at 12:30 p.m., EDT. The Naval Media Center and its "Navy Live" mobile TV broadcast facility will produce the program from the largest naval base in the world, Naval Station Norfolk, Va. USS BATAAN (LHD 5) crewmembers and their families will host the Master Chiefs on board for the show. This program will be broadcast live on base television Channel 12.

SPRING 2001 PRT CYCLE: The Semiannual PRT cycle is upon us again. If you are not already in compliance with the CNO directed fitness program, don't wait for the last minute to prepare for the PRT. The PRT schedule for the Spring 2001 Cycle is as follows: **23 APR01 – 27 APR 01** – Body Composition Assessment (Weigh-Ins) – Drill Hall, 0630-0830

<u>30 APR 01 – 03 MAY 01</u> – PFT (Run/Swim, Curl-Ups, Pushups, Sit-Reach) – Cedar Point Beach Pavilion, 0800-1000 (Swimmers **0800 only** – muster at Cedar Point for curl-ups and pushups prior to swim)

Personnel MUST have completed risk assessment and Body Composition Assessment PRIOR to participation in the PFT. All personnel must contact their PMA/Competency PRT Representative for Risk Assessments ASAP to ensure Medical Screenings can be completed as required. The only form Medical will accept for Medical Screenings is the SF 600 printed by the PRT Representative directly from the PRT Computer Program. Non-participation or unsatisfactory completion of the semiannual PRT is a failure and will be documented via page 13 entries and other means as required by OPNAVINST 6110.1. Scheduling conflicts (i.e. travel, TAD, etc.) should be addressed with your PMA/Competency Representative listed below ASAP so alternate testing arrangements can be made PRIOR to the above dates.

CODE	NAME	PHONE	
AIR-00	YNC MACK ALSTON	7-7825	
AIR-09/7.0/8.0	IT1 SILVER	2-6881	
AIR1.0	CDR GEORGE SMITH	7-6613	
AIR-2.0	LCDR ROBERT KILPATRICK	7-7862	
AIR-3.0	AMHC MARK GRAY	7-3103	
AIR-4.1	LCDR SCOTT PORTER	7-7017	
AIR 4.5	LCDR BILL RINGER	7-5707	
AIR-4.10	LT COLIN SMITH	2-8277	
AIR-5.0	AOC MIKE RACINE	7-3034	
AIR-6.0	ADC MIKE TATE	7-3064	
CNARF	CDR DUANE MALLICOAT	7-8535	
GOSHAWKS	LCDR JIM PARISH	7-5167	
PEO(W)	LT PAUL BURROWES	7-6196	
PMA-201	LT LEE GRUBBS	7-7456	
PMA-205	ATC RICK PASKOSKI	7-8138	
PMA-231	LCDR JOHN PEARSON	7-7219	
PMA-234	LCDR DAVID WARUNEK	7-7955	
PMA-241	LT ROBERT HYDE	7-7322	
PMA-260	ATC DON LAROCCO	7-6892	
PMA-264	AWCS MICHAEL KNEIP	7-5716	
PMA-265	LT JULIE HUNTER	7-7629	
PMA-271	CDR ROBERT VICKERS	7-4008	
PMA-275	LT HOMERO RAMOS	7-5579	
PMA-290	LT ROBIN ATKINSON	7-6738	
PMA-299	LCDR MICHAEL CERNECK	7-5313	

SPRING 2001 GOSHAWK GAMES: Goshawk Games to be held at Harper's Creek Pavilion 1100, Friday, 4 May. The Goshawk Games are a competitive athletic event that also satisfies the PRT requirement for Active Duty personnel. Events include a timed 1.5 mile run, pushups, and sit-ups. Teams of four or more are encouraged to participate as well as individuals. Prizes will be awarded for the best overall team score, and best overall individual scores for both male and female contestants. The cost is only \$5 and includes food and refreshments following the race. After 30 April the cost will be \$8.00. Registration forms are available at PMA-273, Suite 154 in the IPT Bldg. or E-mail your request to parishjm@navair.navy.mil. For more information, please contact LCDR Jim Parish at (301)-757-5167.

Note: Military personnel must complete their Risk Screening forms prior to signing up for the Games. Coordinate PRT credit with your competency representative.

FLEET AND FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER UPCOMING SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS. The seminars/workshops are open to active duty, retired military personnel and their family members, and DOD Civil Service employees and their spouses. There is no charge; however, reservations are necessary, as seating is limited. Also, FFSC will bring professional/general development training to your organization that meets your needs, whenever you need them. Please call FFSC at 342-4911 for reservations or for more information. For further information see the monthly newsletter. Child Care: Reimbursement for E-1 through E-5 is available for workshops. Parents must pick up the necessary paperwork prior to the event.

 Retired Activities - Monday-Friday, 1515-1700
 Personal Power - Apr 18-May16 (Consecutive WED) 0900-1100

 Welcome to PAX - Apr 18, 0900-1200
 Anger Management - Apr 18, 25, 1400-1500
 Resume

 Writing and Covers Letters - Apr 19, 1400-1600
 Play Group - Apr 19 & 26, 1130-1230

 Breastfeeding Basics – Apr 22, 1230-1530
 Networking – Apr 23, 0900-1100

 Sponsor Training – Apr 24, 0900-1000
 PAX 101 Spouse Resource & Information, Apr 24, 0900-1200

 VA Representative – Apr 24, 0800-1600
 Basic Budgeting – Apr 25, 0900-1000

 Budgeting for Baby – Apr 25, 1000-1200
 Thrift Savings Plan – Apr 26, 0900-1200

 It's Your Move – Apr 26, 1300-1400
 Cleaning & Clearing Base Housing – Apr 30, 1300-1400

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